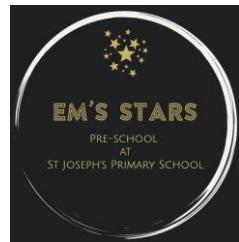




# SEND

Special Educational  
Needs and Disability



Who is our Special Educational Needs Officer? (SENCO)	<p>Mrs Dillon</p>  <p>stjosephssenco@emsstars.co.uk</p>
What is a SENCO?	All early years providers are required to have arrangements in place to identify and support children with SEN (Special Educational Needs) or disabilities and to promote equality of opportunity for children in their care. The setting SENCO ensures the support is delivered to all relevant children. This includes children receiving speech and language support.
What is the role of the SENCO?	<p>The Early Years SENCO role involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ensuring all practitioners in the setting understand their responsibilities to children with SEN and the setting's approach to identifying and meeting SEN</li><li>advising and supporting colleagues</li><li>ensuring parents are closely involved throughout and that their insights inform action taken by the setting, and</li><li>liaising with professionals or agencies beyond the setting</li></ul>
What does it mean if my child receives support from the SENCO?	The SENCO will work with your child's key worker to develop an individual plan for your child. This will be regularly reviewed with targets in place. The targets will be reviewed and discussed with parents; new targets will be made when appropriate. The SENCO may arrange for outside agencies e.g. speech and language to assess your child, this then helps us to tailor our support for your child and ensure it is being targeted for the best possible outcomes.
Where can I get support?	Reach out to our SENCO if you are concerned about your child's needs. You can also look at the SENDLO website, for the Wirral Council SEND services. <a href="https://www.sendlowirral.co.uk/early-years-area-senco-team">https://www.sendlowirral.co.uk/early-years-area-senco-team</a>